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## *Autumn Prayer Requests*

Dear **Praying** Friends,

The school year has begun here at the International Baptist Theological Seminary and things are in full swing. We have just completed the intensive studies for all the Ph.D. and Masters students. They have now gone home to continue their independent studies until they return again in November for another boost. Our full-time residential Certificate of Applied Theology (CAT) students have finally all gathered in one place for classes, the last one just arriving from Ukraine.

We have an eager bunch this year who are already digging deeply into their English intensive period.

This is soon followed by their theological education. **Pray** for the students as they adjust to living with each other in a close communal living style. Some of them are far away from home and most have left their country and home culture for the first time.



We also had the European Baptist Federation's annual meetings on our campus. This was an annual meeting and planning time. **Pray** for the leaders as they seek to affect the whole denomination all across Europe for effective kingdom building. Our students helped with labours of service during the meetings and led the worship time. The opening event was held in Bethlehem Chapel, where Jan Huss preached. Debby played piano and sang with the choir in that historical chapel.



**Pray** for Gregory as he has already begun teaching, is heavily involved in getting the student activities organized, and begins spending time with his mentoring group. He is also teaching the Junior High Sunday school class this year. He wants to combine his mentoring group with the class and get the students involved with the Junior Highers. As usual you could also **pray** for his progress on his dissertation. Other things always seem to come up that appear to be more important. **Pray** that he will find extra time to work on this.

Debby continues to teach piano, though she has significantly cut back in the hours this year. She continues to be involved in the hospitality at IBTS. The WOW program (Wonders of Worship) continues and will be adding another "musician" this year. One of the CAT students from Lithuania will be helping out this

year. **Pray** for her as she tries to balance music, ministry, and children.

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The children are doing well and enjoying their school. We are so very thankful to be able to put them back into the same school as last year. God continues to provide the finances for this and we thank Him and you for that. Both of the children are taking German classes this year and seem to be enjoying it. They are highly motivated because their best friends are from a German family. Their cousins are also living in Austria now and the parents try to keep secrets in German. **Pray** for our kids to be strong in the Lord with a healthy spirit.

You could **pray** for continued good contacts with the parents at Riverside school (our children's school). There are many opportunities for us to have great interaction with them. **Pray** that we can be Christ to them.

Thank you for your concern in our lives. We covet your **prayer** and financial support. We could not be here if you were not there holding us before the throne.

For His Kingdom in Eastern Europe,

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